This Robert, being the son of Aubert, Duke of Normandy, and Editha, his wife, was from his birth of a monstrous and devilish disposition , for while yet a boy he poisoned the son of his schoolmaster, afterwards cutting the throat of the father with his penknife Being come to manhood he was to be knighted by his father, but being set to watch the mght in the Abbey of St Peter at Rouen, there to perform his vigil, when all had departed, issued from the church and walked in the fields until at last he arrived at a nunnery Calling the Lady Abbess before him he commanded all the young nuns to be brought before him , then immodestly stripping them naked he made choice of the fairest, and dragged her by the hair of her head into a shady wood near adjoining, where in spite of her incessant intreaties he deflowered and afterwards slew her After many other crimes and horrible murders he was outlawed by his father and betook himself to the woods, until his band was overcome by his father's cavaliers and he forced to wander away sore travailed by his wounds, and meditating upon his sins he thought that a voice sounded in his ear, * The reward of sin is death * In this desperate state a hermit who had long lived from the world found him and took him to his hermitage, where he was so schooled, that of a bad young man he became reconciled to a staid and holy course of life At length being enjoined by the hermit for a penance to go barefoot to Rome, he came thither after many travels and served the Emperor as his fool, and after-ward when the Sultan of Babylon would by force have married the Emperor's daughter, m disguise of a knight he saved the city from destruction Absolved thereby of his

penance, he was married to the Lady Eunice and returned to Normandy, his father being dead, to find his mother charged with the murder of her husband by the Lord Vilhers The lists being set for a champion to defend her, he defeated her adversary and reconciled himself to her, so that her sorrow was at last paid home with great solace, and Robert of being an irreligious person became the only royal paragon of the world

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